

THE CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB
THE ANNUAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT will be commenced on MONDAY, the 12th of March, 1894, on the following Events:—
CHAMPIONSHIP.
SINGLE HANDICAP, A and B CLASSES.
DOUBLE HANDICAP.
PROFESSIONAL PAPER.
Baby Lists at the CRICKET PAVILION and at the HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
Edinburgh Cup, the Championship, Saturday, the 10th March, 1894, and for other Pairs, Saturday, the 17th March, 1894.
Championship round must be completed by Monday, the 26th March, 1894.

E. A. RAM,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 7, 1894. 447

LIVING CHESS TOURNAMENT.
IN AID OF UNION OF CHURCH ORGAN RESTORATION FUND.

Under the Patronage of H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON and Lady ROBINSON.
H. E. Major-General DIGBY BARKER and Mr. BARKER.
Sir FIELDING CLARK and LADY CLARK.
Commodore BOYES and Mrs. BOYES.

A LIVING CHESS TOURNAMENT will be held on the TENNIS LAWN AT THE POINT (Kindly lent by the Hon. J. J. Kastner), SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 31.

By Courtesy of Lt.-Col. ROBINSON and Officers the Band of the Shropshire Light Infantry will be in attendance.
Admission \$1.00, Children half price.
Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. KELLY and WATSON, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. W. POWELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 5, 1894. 452

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chromometers, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SOLENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGEUR'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES,
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ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware,
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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

D. I. A. M. O. N. D. S

— AND —
DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest London
PARTNERS, at very moderate prices. 742

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board,
Also Table Accommodation

Mr. GILLANDERS,
12, GLENHORN BUILDINGS,
Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, November 21, 1893. 2008

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong, Harbour:—
ANDANTE, British ship, Captain Jackman,
Sandwich, Massachusetts & Co.
LOTHAIR, Italian barque, Captain J. B.
Cafra—D. MUSSO.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL

RETURN VISIT OF THE LONDON LYRIC COMPANY.

Proprietors, F. B. HARDY & SAVILLE SMITH,
Manager, SAVILLE SMITH.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

TO-NIGHT,
(SATURDAY), 10th March.

'CHARLEY'S AUNT.'

Followed by, for the first time in Hongkong, A BRITISH PANTOMIME.

MONDAY, 12th March,
SAME POWERFUL BILL.

TUESDAY, 13th March,
'CALLED BACK.'

WEDNESDAY, 14th March,
'WALKER, LONDON.'

NEW VARIETIES to follow each play.

FULL ORCHESTRA from the Shropshire Regiment under the Leadership of Bandmaster MURKIN.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half price
to Back Seats only.
Doors open at 8.30. Commencing at 9.

A SPECIAL TRAM will run to the Park after the Performance.
Box Office at Messrs. KELLY & WATSON.

EDWIN FERGUSON,
Business Manager.

Hongkong, March 10, 1894. 463

OAKTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 46.

Blasting in Steamer Passage, Cambridge Beach Barrier.

NOTICE is hereby given that Blasting

Operations are about to be carried on for a short time in the steamer (South) passage of the CAMBRIDGE BEACH BREAKWATER in the Whampoa Channel of the Canton River.

Whenever it may be necessary to close the passage to navigation a red flag will be hoisted on a pole at the North side of the passage and another at the masthead of the steamer at the Customs Signal Station on the hill on Dara's Island, so long as these red flags remain flying, vessels bound to Whampoa must not approach the barrier nearer than half a mile, and those bound to Canton must proceed by the Blenheim (or Back) Beach.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.

Approved: E. B. DREW,
Commissioner of Customs,
Custom House.

Gatton, March 9th 1894. 475

To-day's Advertisements.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS OF THE HONGKONG SCHOOLS

will be held at THE HAPPY VALLEY, ON MONDAY, 12th March.

Commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Under the Patronage of H. E. Sir W. ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

H. E. Maj. General G. DIGBY BARKER, C.B., K.C.M.G.

The Right Rev. J. S. BURDON, D.D.

26 EVENTS, OVER 50 PRIZES.

OVER 500 ENTRIES.

Programmes at the Meeting.

WILLIAM BLAYNAY,
Hon. Secretary.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, MARCH 10th, 1894. 470

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17th MARCH, 1894.

No. 67.—GENERAL.—There will be RECRUIT DRILL Squad, Carbine, 7-pdr. and Maxim Gun, every morning at 6.45, and Squad, Carbine, and 64-pdr. Gun, every morning at 9.30 a.m. All Members who have not attended regular drill should take advantage of these Drills. No uniform. Two Instructors will attend the morning and one the evening drills, above ordered.

No. 68.—FIELD BATTERY.—For duty, Lieut. CHAPMAN and Sergeant COX.

PARADES—TUESDAY, 9 p.m., 7-pdr. Gun Drill.

THURSDAY, 5.30 p.m., FIRING EXERCISES by DIVISIONS. All

Divisional Officers to be present. FRIDAY, 9 p.m., Company Drill. UNIFORM—ON THURSDAY, Serge and Forage Caps; on TUESDAY and FRIDAY, no uniform.

No. 69.—MACHINE GUN COMPANY.—PARADES—MONDAY, Squad Drill, 6.15 p.m.; TUESDAY, Company Drill, 6.30 p.m. (With 12-pdr. Gun). CAPTURES—WEDNESDAY, 6.15 p.m., Search and Carbine Drill; FRIDAY, 5.30 p.m., Musketry (Aiming Drill). SATURDAY, 2 p.m., Musketry, Annual Course. Uniform with Holster.

F. JERRARD,
Acting Commandant,
H.K.V. Corps.

Hongkong, March 10, 1894. 469

NOTICE.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship

Capt. E. G. PAPE, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 13th Instant, at 9 a.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1894. 464

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Capt. H. WALTER, will leave for the above Ports on about FRIDAY, the 16th March.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELHOPERS & Co., Agents.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship

Captain KESSLER, due

here with the outward

Mail about the 16th Instant, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELHOPERS & Co., Agents.

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FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Nobile, Captain E. G. PAPE.

I having arrived from the above Ports, will be hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Under-signed, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

No. 1.—Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed in the Gown's Wharf, and stored at Cannery's Wharf, and expensed.

No. 2.—Cargo to be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 17th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMENS & Co., Agents.

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FOR KOBE & AMYO.

The Co.'s Steamer

Higo Maru, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 12th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,

NAPLES, GENOA,

ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIc PORTS.

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,

BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,

GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHLAND TO LOAD PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal place in RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 2nd day of April 1894, at 3 p.m., the Company's Steamship KARLSRUHE Capt. KESSLER with MAILS, PASSENGERS & CARGO, will leave this port as above, sailing for NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 31st March.

Cargo and Specie will be received on board until Noon on Monday, the 2nd April, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office (until Noon on Sunday, the 1st April). Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be issued at less than \$2, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cube in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship

Captain HALL, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on MONDAY, the 13th Instant, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at the Peak Church to-morrow at 10 a.m.

The German Mail steamer *Kaibulka*, with the German mail, dated Berlin Feb. 12, left Singapore at 10 a.m. to-day for this port.

The China Mutual & Marine, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port this morning.

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch *Dawnay*, carrying the Belcher dig, will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pendant C, to convey passengers to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seamer's) Church, returning about 12.30.

The steamer *Tantalus* was to go into the Cosmopolitan Dock this afternoon, after being lightened by the discharge of a considerable portion of her cargo. The ship *Fido* is to be abandoned, but an effort will be made by the Dock Company to save a portion of her fittings.

The London Lyric Company last night gave a performance of the four-act drama entitled "Jo," which is founded on Dickens' well-known novel, "Blacks House." It was an abrupt departure from the line on which the company had previously run into popular favour, "Jo" being rather a languid piece and somewhat unintelligible to anyone who does not possess a clear recollection of the story as Dickens wrote it.

The drama, however, was very well performed, and the large audience followed it with the closest attention and bestowed applause liberally on the principals. If any evidence were required as to Miss Maria Brian's cleverness and versatility, it would only be necessary to say that she can exhilarate an audience with "Terra-e-Boon-de-ay" and touch their tenderest feelings in "Jo." Her impersonation of "Jo" would have been much more successful than it was, but for the fact that it is difficult to hear anything from the stage of the theatre under a shout. All the parts were played in that thoroughly conscientious and harmonious way which is characteristic of the London Lyric Company. Mr. D. C. Smith sang a couple of comic songs after the play had been brought to a conclusion, and he had some difficulty in getting off without having to sing a third song. The programme concluded with the graceful "castanet dance" by Misses Tassell and Trigge.

Judging by the booking, the Theatre Royal will be crowded to excess this evening, when "Charlie's Aunt" will be performed. The piece will be repeated on Monday evening.

A German student, wrestling with the English language, said to have rendered the text as follows: "The ghost is willing, but the meat is flight."

The Prince of Wales has been appointed to a suite of the 1st Regiment of German Dragoon Guards, known as the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland's Regiment.

A TABLET has been placed in Harrow School Chapel to the memory of Captain John Dunn of the 8th King's Regiment, who served for some years at Harrow School. The tablet consists of a brass on a black marble mount, supported on either side by a figure of an officer and a private of the regiment, with the regimental badge and crossed swords above, and is engraved with the following inscription: "In loving memory of John Dunn, Captain of the King's Regiment, who was drowned in the Bosphorus, 10th Oct., 1852, aged 30. This tablet is erected by his brother officers."

The Patriarchal Conference of the Times. It was assented not long ago that 50,000 Pashas, now professes Buddhism. The statement was attributed to a well-known French professor, who emphatically denied that he had ever made it. Certain it is, however, that a large number of themselves ladies in Paris now describe themselves as Eclectic Buddhists, and that their number continues to increase. A little volume, which gives a summary of the doctrines of the new creed, has just been brought by wealthy neophytes to be distributed gratuitously next week among persons of all classes in Paris. It appears that converts are not expected to desert the churches of which they are members. A certain number of copies of the book have been bound in blue morocco and gilted to be resold to the Roman Catholic Churches. The converts will make use of these little books for edification during the hours of service.

The immortal memory of Robert Burns was celebrated on Jan. 26 by the Caladonian Society of London, when the Whitehall banqueting-room at the Hotel Metropole was crowded with "honest men and bonnie lasses." The society has now held fifty annual dinners, and, as far as can be known, to have been more successful than its predecessor. Certain it is that nothing could possibly have been more brilliant and more enjoyable than was the present "festival." There was a brightness and "go" about the proceedings which, not even the sunniest day of the English point of view, could destroy. That strange and mysterious composition, "haggis," received continual honour (that is, of course, from a Scotch point of view), and was partaken of with keen enjoyment by those from beneath the Tweed. The English visitors handled it as though it might be dynamite; but fortunately all ill effects were "corrected" by a flavor of very strong Scotch whisky. The dinner was splendid, many and long. The prediction, Mr. Andrew Pirie, that the total number of guests would be 1,000, was only half true, while Mr. D. H. Stephenson proposed, "The Ladies," a language which caused many an eye to brighten and many a cheek to blush. When the flow of visitors had ceased, the dining was carried on with a vigour truly exhilarating and truly Scotch; and so ended "the grand night."

To Cross-Skin Disease.—Subphobia Lotion quickly drives away Eruptions, Pimpls, Blotches, Redness, Rosacea, Acne, Disfigurements, Roughness and Scars, &c., leaving a clear, soft, new skin and beautiful complexion. Subphobia Lotion is a safe and effective medicine, especially in hot climates. Made in London. Sold everywhere by Shipping Agents.

"FRAGRANT WATERS" MURMUR. That movements in the Colonial Service staff appear to be unusually numerous just now, and the temptation to draw half-pay at 4/- may have something to do with them.

That the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Clerk of Council, the Chief Clerk at the Magistracy, and others are about to go Home, and the Colonial Secretary is spoke of as most anxious to get away from this dollar-stricken Colony.

That the heart of the official community is stirred by the renewed proposal of being paid half of its salary at 3/- per dollar.

That the Water Festival of Saturday last, although not an unqualified success, showed how beautiful and effective a scene can be produced in this branch of illuminating, and ample time for organization and mobilization.

That the Water Festival may not be a recommendation to the Chinese, but "Europeans" can look upon the illuminated boats and thank the power for its usefulness and quiet.

That the Water Festival begged the name of Mr. Woodhouse, who was a good old fellow, but he did forgive public opinion for what he did forgive public opinion.

That the Fire Brigade Superintendent found the Water Festival the best day of doing a graceful thing in honor of those deserving men.

That, if I remember rightly, I mentioned Sergeant Witchell's brave work at the fire in Queen's Road, and the Sergeant and his two companions, whom we well deserved the official recognition they have received.

That Mr. Woodhouse, he says, is an Englishman, and he appears to be not a little proud of the fact, while ready to admit the excellence of other Englishmen.

That the Chairman said: "Gentlemen, your

directors have much pleasure in submitting to you the report and accounts for the past half year, which show a distinct advance and indicate the progress made since our last yearly meeting. The net profits from Jan. 1, 1860, to 30th June were £29,073.16, and from 30th June to 30th December, £35,161.08; and your Directors are therefore of opinion that a small dividend may be declared, absorbing £14,882.88, having £10,000 to be carried forward to next year. The amount to be declared will, with full confidence, we trust, be the same."

That, in the event of the proposed rise in the dollar being about as rapid as its decline, where (they ask) is the advantage of this semi-gambling deal on the part of the Government?

That the consideration of this question from a rate-paying point of view, would have been greatly facilitated if the report of an independent Retrenchment Committee had been ready and placed before the public as it might have been ere this time.

That Governor Rottnest made a serious blunder when he threw cold water upon the idea of an independent Committee, and it would be only a fair repudiation were the Unofficial Members of Council to decline to accept any change in salaries until the opinion of such a Committee be made known, and its recommendations duly considered.

That the abolition of certain offices, the amalgamation of others, and the reduction of the number of certain departments, would help the Government to arrive at a conclusion about salaries, and these changes should proceed any further adjustment.

That the Governments of India and the Straits appear to have shown that they do these things better than here. That, as an instance, the present time would have been opportune to do away with the Treasury staff altogether, and to have inaugurated another equally safe but less costly mode of collecting the revenue, through the Bank or by a Collector of Revenue.

That I am afraid the drifting policy adopted by H. E. the Governor is not calculated to serve the best interests of the Colony.

That "I concur" and "I agree" may make a whole smoothly enough a role, but not if the machine be going in the wrong direction?

That, to all appearance, the official element has practically abandoned its guns, and the only life or vigour remaining is to be infused in the administration by the Unofficial Members.

That Mr. Whitehead has placed his finger upon a goodly number of things upon which the ratepayers will be exceedingly glad to obtain information.

That some weeks ago I referred to a small storm in a teacup about a certain unauthorizing allowance.

That I now hear the Colonial Treasurer had a hand in the small sumptuous, and that he took a rather sensible view of the matter.

That the subject was referred Home by the Colonial Secretary (as plaintiff) and by the Colonial Treasurer (as holding a brief as "watchman" over the purveyors).

That it would be interesting reading were the arguments for and against Mr. O'Brien's claim to see the light, and it would be still more interesting to pursue the Governor's covering letter which presumably showed how much nicer the money would look in Sir William's pocket than in that of "the Member for Cork."

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That it may be Mr. Mitchell's fine has taken a little credit for his part in the affair, but it is to be regretted that he is to be riched for his services by some £1200.

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THE TELEGRAPHIC NOVEL.

These critics who meet unfairly to tax our novelists with censure, are surely doing us a disservice. As far as I have been able to find out, the author of the book of fiction, in which the modern writers of fiction are most ingeniously striving to be witty, was a man with surprising qualities, from the three-volume novel to the single volume tale, and from the latter to the short story, which itself shows signs of shrinking. This is as it should be, since nobody in these days has, either time or inclination for wading through the bulk of romances which pleased our ancestors, and levity is the virtue in fiction that we prize above all others. The only cause for complaint at present is that this process of deterioration has not been carried sufficiently far. We have much pleasure, therefore, in bringing before the public our newly-patented Telegraphic Novel, which will soon supersede all others. The brand has only to be tried once to be used in every house.

There are several varieties; we may begin with the simplest. In each case the novel will no longer have to leave his master's income by the purchase of leases of telegraph. All that will be necessary for him will be a stock of blank telegraph forms, to be obtained gratuitously from the nearest post-office. On each of these, with a little practice, he will be able to write a complete novel. Here, for instance, is an old fashioned romance in telegraphic form:

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And it was not for a hour's chat over a cup of tea that she went to see her, but on a much more serious matter. For Mrs. Mills had been quoted in the newspapers as having said to Mrs. Calap and to the others: "Now the newspaper men are making things that nobody can make head or tail of, that Mrs. Calap thought the only sure way to go was to see Mrs. Mills and ask her what was true what was said." What Mrs. Mills told her is contained in the annexed statement made about a year ago:

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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France

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